

Julia Claussen Day at The Coming Chautauqua



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JULIA CLAUSSEN, EMINENT CONTRALTO OF THE CHICAGO GRAND OPERA COMPANY.

THE great musical climax of the entire Chautauqua program comes again this year on the closing night, when Julia Claussen of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, whose successes of the recent opera season have even surpassed her former achievements, will appear in a concert. She will be assisted by Pierre Henrotte, concert master of the Chicago Grand Opera Company, and Marcel Charlier, also one of the leading conductors of Chicago Grand Opera.

A year ago, when Miss Alice Nielsen toured the Redpath Chautauquas, it was then widely stated in the musical journals that the Chautauqua opened a new field to the greatest musicians. The fact that another such great artist as Julia Claussen has been engaged for this season and that the assisting artists are also well known in the grand opera world at once establishes the fact that the move to give the Chautauquas the greatest music was not a spasmodic one, but permanent.

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Blindness.

London, April 11.—One of the deepest personal tragedies of the war as brought home to the British people is the long list of young soldiers and sailors who have lost their eye-sight in the conflict. At St. Dunstan's Hostel for Blinded Soldiers and Sailors there are at present about 120 students, officers and men, representing Canada, England, Australia, New Zealand and Belgium. In addition there are a number of men in annexes at Brighton and Torquay whose wounds thus far have prevented their taking up work at St. Dunstan's.

Never before in British history have so many young men who are otherwise able-bodied been brought together in the helpless state of blindness, and the problem of handling them is entirely different from that presented in a home by people who have lost their sight through disease or like causes, and new methods must be applied to meet the situation.

St. Dunstan's itself is a place of beauty and full of historic interest. Once the villa of the third marquess of Harford, the "Stevie" of Vanity Fair, it is now the London home of Otto Kahn, the American financier, who has loaned it to the Blinded Soldiers and Sailors Care committee, under the chairmanship of C. Arthur Pearson, widely known as a publisher, and president of the National Institute for the blind. About the spacious villa are fifteen acres of well kept lawns, trees and shrubbery. An arm of Regent's Park Lake runs into the grounds, thus affording facilities for boating. All this is at the disposal of the blind men and they have been surrounded by an atmosphere that is distinctly homelike.

Mr. Pearson, a man of magnetic personality and the moving spirit of the hostel, lost his sight a few years ago and the bright philosophy of life which he has developed for himself prevails the place. Mr. Pearson's theory of conducting St. Dunstan's was expressed by him to a representative of The Associated Press thus:

"The main endeavor here is to get into the minds of the blinded men the root principle that they are handicapped, not afflicted. The latter word is used far too freely in connection with blind folk. Tell a man that he is afflicted and his mental outlook on life will bear that stamp. But tell him he is handicapped and if he is a good fellow at heart, his sporting spirit will assert himself itself and he will adopt all the means that are shown him to enable him to catch up with the fellows to whom circumstances have given a start."

Since the school work at St. Dunstan's began, thirty-five men have been graduated, having learned one or more occupations, such as book binding, massage, mat-making, basket making, joinery, poultry farming and market gardening. Virtually all of these men read and write Braille and typewrite with the ordinary machine. All are now said to be earning good incomes.

There are 72 teachers, all but 12 of them voluntary, and each pupil has individual instruction. Many of the instructors themselves are blind. "The feeling of helplessness which overwhelms a strong, healthy, newly-blinded man," said Mr. Pearson, "is incredibly relieved when he finds that the one who is to instruct him in some profitable employment is suffering from the same handicap as himself."

The working day is divided between the class rooms, workshops and training schools so that each man receives an all round education. All the students learn to read and write Braille, and some of them are studying music. A number of men have learned the difficult art of reading with the finger tips in two weeks. Seventy three have passed the typewriting test, which means that they can write a letter without mistake at a fair rate of speed. When a man passes his examination he receives a prize of a typewriter.

One of the most remarkable features of the school is the progress being made by some of the men in learning Braille shorthand. They operate on a little machine of seven keys which punches the characters on a strip of paper. These characters later can be read with the finger tips and transcribed on the typewriter. Several of the men who were secretaries before joining the army are learning shorthand and typing for the purpose of resuming their former work.

In the shops men who have never handled tools adopt quickly. A few weeks practice enables many of them to acquire such skill that the articles they produce are saleable. Door-mats, baskets of every shape and size, book-cases, picture-frames and many other things are turned out in the workshops with accuracy and finish.

Near the workshops is the poultry farm where those men who desire to live in the country are taught poultry-keeping, and simple market gardening. The men quickly become proficient, learning to distinguish the different breeds of fowl, to tell the weight of a bird, to manage incubators, and all the rest that goes with poultry raising.

Mr. Pearson believes that the massage business is likely to prove the most lucrative of the occupations taught at St. Dunstan's. Primary

instruction in anatomy and physiology is given at the hostel, and when the primary stage is passed tuition is continued in the massage department at the National Institute for the Blind.

Among the students in the massage department is Clutha Mackenzie, son of Sir Thomas Mackenzie, high commissioner of New Zealand. Clutha Mackenzie is hardly more than a boy, but he has accepted the inevitable cheerfully and is studying assiduously to master the ways of the kingdom of darkness. He is not one of many interesting young men among the students.

The average duration of training at St. Dunstan's is probably about six months. When the men leave the hostel great care is taken to see that they settle in suitable localities where the work they have selected can be pursued. Their training places them in a position of comparative independence in addition to what they can earn they receive pensions of about \$6 a week, and more in the case of non-commissioned officers.

Mr. Pearson stated that the National Institute for the Blind has started a special branch which has for its object the after-care of blinded soldiers and sailors. It is planned to erect a large building to be devoted principally to this use. There raw material will be supplied to the men at cost price, and difficulties with regard to selling goods made will be smoothed over. In such work as boot repairing, where no articles are produced, every effort will be made to secure steady employment.

It is not all work and no play at St. Dunstan's. The men row on the Lake, play pushball, swim in nearby baths, and engage in other amusements to their liking. Entertainment is provided regularly, including dances twice a week. Most of the Tonies and Jack Parsa dance very well and enjoy these occasions immensely.

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